



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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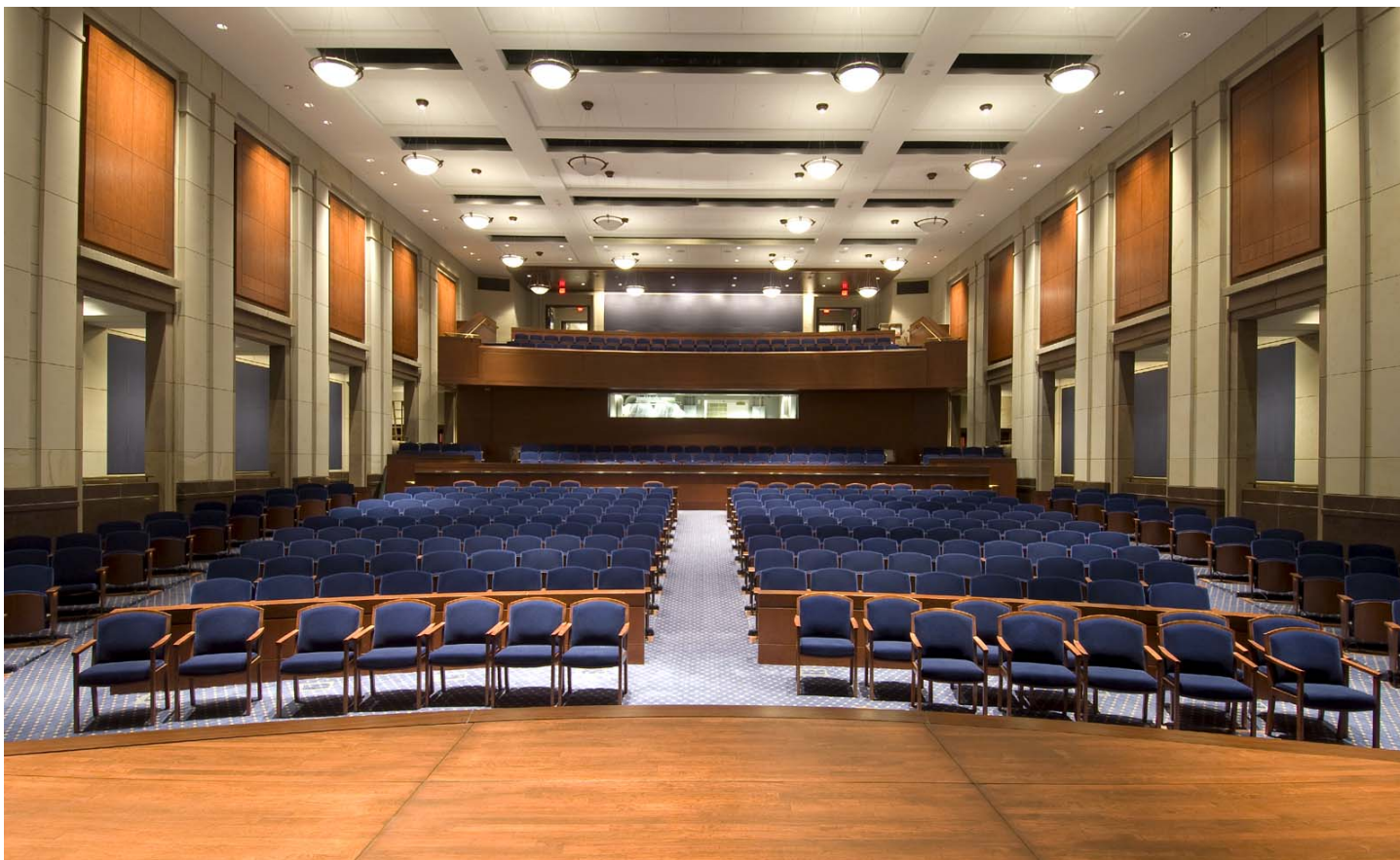
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A stone mason sets a piece of base marble along a wall in the tunnel that connects the Capitol Visitor Center to the Library of Congress. With major construction work complete throughout the CVC, work in the tunnel to the Library of Congress is one of the few remaining areas of construction activity. Meanwhile, crews continue to address punchlist items throughout the site and are now nearly 50 percent complete with that work.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 4/28/08 through 5/2/08**

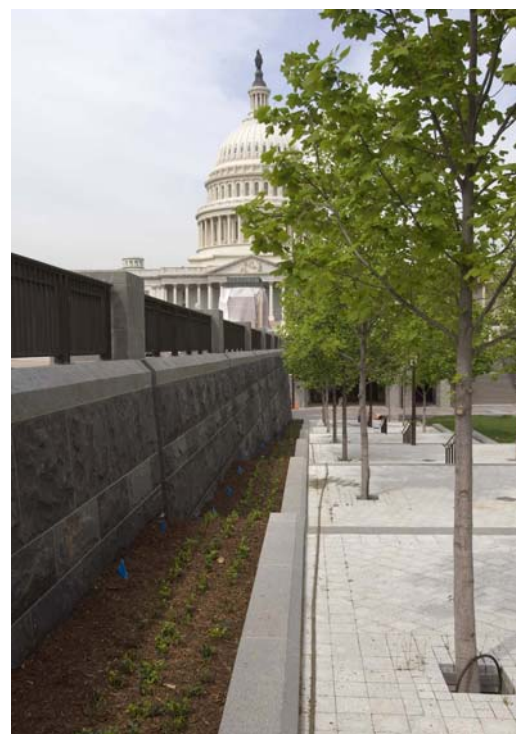
- Throughout the CVC, technicians continue final acceptance testing on the facility's complex fire and life-safety systems. This process is still on schedule to be completed this summer.
- Plaster ceiling work was completed at the Crypt level in the East Front of the Capitol.
- Glass workers continue to install some of the corner glass panels to the exterior elevators on the CVC Plaza.
- Landscapers have planted hundreds of small plants along the north entrance pedestrian ramp (*see lower photo next page*).
- Landscape restoration work continues in the South "Egg" as crews continue to prepare the grounds for sod.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, cleaning crews and other professionals continue to address punchlist items throughout the facility.
- Masons have removed floor stone near the entrance to the House Expansion Space to clear the way for electrical and telecommunications conduit to a House Appointments Desk at that location.
- Masons continue to reset the stair-tread stones in the Senate stairwell atrium. Painting of the stairwell pickets to a bronze finish continues in the House stairwell atrium.
- In the pedestrian tunnel to the Library of Congress, terrazzo floor work is progressing from the CVC eastward to the LOC. Masons have begun setting base stone on top of the newly placed terrazzo along the tunnel walls (*see photo above*).
- Metal workers continue installing bronze cap plates at the base of bronze railing posts throughout the CVC.
- In the Exhibition Hall, panels along the back alcove walls have been removed temporarily to clear the way for installation and testing of fire suppressant materials.
- Audio-visual technicians have begun re-installing the speakers that are situated behind the projection screens in the North and South Orientation Theaters.



Architectural finishes are essentially complete in the Congressional Auditorium. The only major work remaining includes the installation of a 28-foot-wide projection screen and the testing of audio-visual components. The Auditorium can accommodate up to 450 people.

## **Next Week – 5/5/08 – 5/9/08**

- Technicians will continue the final testing process for the CVC's complex fire and life-safety systems. This work will continue into the summer.
- Outside, landscape crews will continue to level the grade of the South "Egg" and prepare the grounds for sod placements and plantings. Other plantings will continue along both the north and south entrance ramps.
- Punchlist work will continue throughout interior spaces as millwork, wall stone, floor stone, grout lines, painted surfaces, ceiling panels, plaster work, doors, and other finish materials are inspected and deficiencies corrected.
- Masons will continue grout work and other stone detail work at the Rotunda and Gallery levels in the East Front of the Capitol, while metal works continue installing bronze railings.
- Terrazzo work may begin on the landings in the stairwell atrium in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Terrazzo work will continue in the LOC tunnel progressing from west to east while stone masons continue setting stone at the base of the tunnel walls.
- Landscapers will continue executing the final tree and shrub planting plan along the CVC entrance zones. Vine plants were planted last week along the north entrance walkway (*see photo at right*).



**Landscapers have completed some plantings along the tree-lined walkway leading to the CVC entrance.**